



Info Central

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SENIOR PASTOR

Well, the baptism service was again, so delightful and inspiring that it is really impossible to put into words. One man came out of the service, shook my hand and shared how deeply the service had impacted him. His eyes were still red from his being overcome with emotion throughout the service. And he was someone who didn't even have any relatives or loved ones who were baptized. It is just so encouraging and so moving to see boys and girls, teens and men and women baptized. It is such an inspiration; hearing their testimonies, relating to their struggles in life, hearing how God has worked in their life and heart, feeling the joy they have in obeying the Lord's commands with them and just celebrating and worshipping our Savior and our Lord who loves us and cares for us and gives us eternal life. I visited with another person who has been a long-time part of this church and who hardly knew anyone who was baptized. He wondered if all of these people were part of this church family. I told him they are and we rejoiced to together at what God is doing among us.

Another incredibly exciting part of our FEFC life these days is something of which I suspect many FEFC'ers are quite unaware. There is a significant group of Asian Americans (Chinese) who have made FEFC their church home and who are building a very vibrant ministry among Asian nationals who are living here in the Bismarck area. They have a meeting and Bible study every Friday evening in our church facility and are averaging 30-40 people in attendance. It is such a joy to have these dear brothers and sisters in Christ as part of our larger church family and I would encourage you to get to know every one that you can. And please pray for the outreach and ministry that is going forward among the Asian Americans here in Bismarck. When Chinese people meet others of their own nationality and who speak their own native tongue, they have an immediate bond. These dear brothers and sisters in Christ are making use of this wonderful opportunity to share the Good News about Christ with the people of their own national descent. God is very much at work and we can support that work with our prayers and tangible help for these brothers and sisters who are obeying our Master's call to go and preach the Gospel to every person. Prayerfully, they will be an inspiration for all of us to be more engaged and attentive to how the Lord may use us to share the love of Christ and the Good News about Him at every opportunity God affords us. Jesus said the harvest is ready. He calls us to "get into the field" and be actively involved in the work. In the passage in John 4, Jesus commands us NOT to "put off" our getting involved. He said, "don't say there is still time before I get involved." He said, "The harvest is ready now! Get to work!" Pray for people. Pray for your neighbor, for the person who serves you your meal in the restaurant, for the clerk in the grocery store or gas station, for the person who annoys you at work, or the people sitting at the next table in the restaurant. Perhaps God will give you an opportunity to show and share His love for those people. Let's all be sensitive to the precious Holy Spirit in order to be tools God can use to help others come to know Him.

REMEMBER, EASTER SUNDAY this Sunday! We will have the caramel roll fundraiser breakfast for our youth ministries at 9:00 a.m. and just one worship service CELEBRATING the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. See you Sunday, D. V. Maranatha, PTK <<

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Proverbs 27:23 states: Know the state of your flocks, and put your heart into caring for your herds. Statistics show that in 2009 the state of ND recorded 54 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities, 7 of which involved youth under age 21. Also, 45 youths under the age of 18 were arrested for driving under the influence that year while another 957 were cited for other alcohol related violations. These facts point to the need for a dynamic, expanding youth ministry within our church! One of the goals of the Capital Campaign is a greater focus and development of our youth ministry. Please prayerfully consider fulfilling your purpose within the Capital Campaign.

**UNITED HEART OF WORSHIP
LEGACY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
APRIL 29 at 7:00 PM**

50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE FOR DON & DORIS ANN VAN BEEK

Come and join in our celebration April 23, 2011 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Please invite your kids and families! *No gifts please.*

CRAFTMANIA

Gather up your favorite craft project and come to the church's next Craftmania. We meet Friday evening, April 29, 6-11 p.m and Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the home of Sandy Broschat. This event is open to all women and teens who enjoy great fellowship while working on their craft projects. Lunch is on your own Sunday. RSVP to 255-6835

EASTER CHILDREN'S CHURCH ACCOMPANIED BY HUGE EGG HUNT

The new Veggie Tales movie, "Twas the Night Before Easter" will be featured after worship at 10:30 a.m. followed by the egg hunt in the community room. Prizes to be won! See you there!

LIFE SCHOOL MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Life School Musical rehearsal will be in the Community Room on Sunday, May 1 at 10:45 a.m. Children go directly to the Community Room. Do not go to the youth room.

EASTER CARAMEL ROLL FUNDRAISER, April 24

We're on a roll! Come and fix your eyes and stomach on some delicious, mouth-watering caramel rolls while supporting the student ministries. **The rolls will be served before the service from 9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m. in the Community Room.** A sign-up sheet will be at the information desk and on the youth board in the hallway for those who can bring caramel rolls!

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.**

WILD GAME FEAST

Please come and join us for an evening of informational seminars, food and fellowship Saturday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m. Buffalo burgers and walleye will be served for supper. The seminars will feature Greg Busch, Randy Alexander, Kurt Schirado, John Arman, Jason Wright, Andy Bachmeier. Key speaker will be Larry Moyer, founder & president of EvanTell. Door prizes include: Remington 870 Express 12 gauge, Remington Model 715 Sportman 243 bolt action, and many more! Tickets are \$10. Call 223-3330 for tickets and more information.

412 Ministries

PRIMETIME: Sunday for Jr. High & Sr. High @ 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: 6:30- 8:30 P.M.

R.A.G.E. Jr. High (7th & 8th grades)

THE EXAMPLE Sr. High (9th-12th grades)



PRAYER CHAIN INFO

Please call the Phone Prayer Chain Captains and e-mail your requests to Laurie Grosz at the e-mail address below to activate your prayer requests.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN INFO

prayer@firstefree.com

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN CAPTAINS INFO

DAYTIME : Catherine Grosz

EVENING : Doris Ann Van Beek

PALM SUNDAY-SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT

Master's Plan Prairie Gospel Quartet and Grace Notes will be at Century Baptist Church, April 24. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Concert begins at 3:00 p.m. Free will offering will be taken.

CALLING ALL 2011 GRADUATES

You will be receiving a graduation celebration packet in the mail shortly. If you don't receive a packet and would like to receive one, contact Jenne Brown to participate in the celebration on May 29.

SENIORS

Many of us are reaching the age where we need to be thinking about how we can keep functioning in our homes without a serious injury to ourselves. We have a golden opportunity to hear a presentation from Dave Spilovoy. PACE is a great resource for seniors and helps them access the help they may need now or in the future. We will be meeting on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. in rooms 301-302. Please come and learn all you can before you need these services. Refreshments will be served.

Goal of PACE - To keep people in homes as long as possible!

WEEKLY EVENTS/MEETING INFO

- WED - April 20** MOPS, 9:00 a.m.
Youth W. T. Rehearsal, 4:45 p.m.
Hebrew Class, 5:15 p.m.
412 Ministries, R.A.G.E./The Example, 6:30 p.m.
Life School Musical Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
- THUR -April 21** 1st Place 4 Health, 6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
- FRI - April 22** JOY Club @ McDonalds by Kmart, 9:30 a.m.
Friday Night Singles, 7:00 p.m.
Chinese Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- SAT-April 23** Anniversary open house for Van Beeks, 1:30 pm
- SUN-April 24** Caramel Roll Fundraiser, 9:00 a.m.
Easter-Worship service, 10:00 a.m.
- MON - April 25** Living Stones Men's Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Council of Overseers, 7:00 p.m.
- TUES-April 26** Authentic Manhood Men's Study, 7:00 p.m.
Great Adventure Men's Study, 7:00 p.m.

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